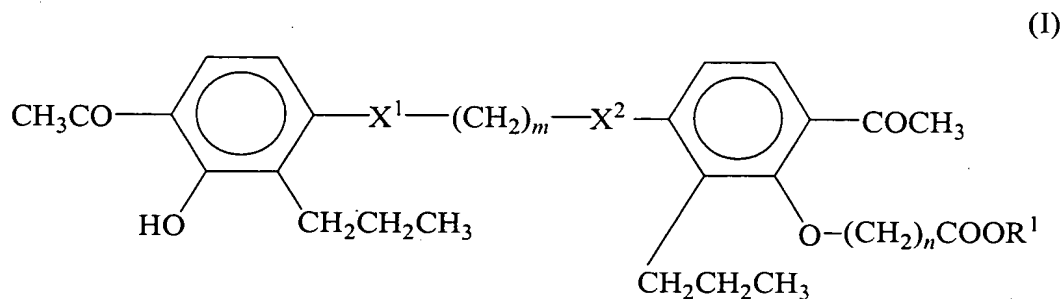


CLAIMS

1. A phenoxyalkylcarboxylic acid derivative represented by the following general formula (I),



wherein R^1 indicates hydrogen atom, methyl group or ethyl group, m is an integer from 2 to 5, and n is an integer from 3 to 8, X^1 and X^2 each independently represent sulfur atom, oxygen atom, sulfinyl group or sulfonyl group, proviso X^1 and X^2 are not simultaneously oxygen atom; their alkali salt and hydrate.

2. 4-[6-acetyl-3-[3-(4-acetyl-3-hydroxy-2-propylphenylthio)propoxy]-2-propylphenoxy]butyric acid.